

TO REORGANIZE BORDER PATROL

General Funston Planning for
Redistribution of Troops
for Guard Duty.

TO MAKE THE LINE RAIDPROOF

No More Soldiers To Be Sent Col.
Sibley—Stricter Watch On Army
Stores.

San Antonio, Tex., May 15.—Maj. Gen. Frederick Funston began today the consideration of the border patrol. Relieved of diplomatic responsibilities and having under his control almost fifty thousand men, he outlined to his staff a redistribution of forces that he believed would guarantee the protection of American residents from Mexican raiders.

Already forces at border stations have been strengthened and indications today were that before the end of the week the greater part of the regular troops and militia that have been sent into the three border states would be in shape and in position for quick service along the international line.

General officers will be in charge of the patrol districts. The district commanders will include Brig. Gen. James Parker, commanding the first cavalry brigade; Brig. Gen. William A. Mann, commanding the second brigade at Laredo, Tex., and Brig. Gen. Henry A. Green, who has been ordered to report at headquarters here from Fort Leavenworth.

No Troops for Sibley.

It is improbable that more troops will be sent to Colonel Sibley, who is in charge of the little expedition that crossed into Mexico near Boquillas as a result of the raid at Glenn Springs and Boquillas a week ago. Four troops of cavalry and a machine gun detachment now are operating close to the line, scouting throughout a limited territory south of the border, but there never has been any intention of sending forward at that point a "punitive expedition" that would compare in size to that of General Pershing in the state of Chihuahua. If the cavalry that it is operating south of Boquillas fails to locate any bandits within a few days its return to stations north of the line is probable.

Guarding Army Stores.

El Paso, May 15.—Army posts and stations along the border were on their guard against incendiaries today, following last night's two fires at Fort Bliss, where flames of unknown origin destroyed a storehouse, three cavalry stables, three horses and some tents. Army officers express the opinion that an investigation will disclose that the fires could not have been of spontaneous or accidental origin. It was said there was no attempt on the ammunition house. The storehouse, where the first fire occurred, contained some machine guns.

Mining Camp Raided.

Tucson, Ariz., May 13.—Mexican bandits are reported to have raided Polaris, a mining camp, seven miles below Lochiel, on the border yesterday, driving out the Americans, who escaped to Nogales in automobiles. Colonel Sage, commanding at Nogales, sent a company of infantry and twenty cavalrymen to guard Lochiel, Washington Camp and other towns on the American side.

A telephone message received here from Washington Camp, near the border, this afternoon stated that American soldiers had crossed the line and visited Polaris, but found the bandits had fled.

Bandits Busy Again.

Mercedes, Tex., May 13.—Rumors of renewed activity by Mexican bandits in the lower Rio Grande valley received no confirmation today from the investigation by state and army authorities of the killing last night of Curtis Bayles, an American farmer. It was said authoritatively that no evidence had been found to indicate that the three men, who attacked Bayles at his home near Mercedes, came from across the Rio Grande or were part of any concerted outbreak against Americans of this section.

One of the Mexicans believed to have been implicated in the killing of Bayles was a former employee of the dead man. The Mexican inquired of a neighbor last night if Curtis Bayles was at home, saying he was going to assist in irrigation work on the Bayles farm. A short time thereafter Bayles was assassinated. His assailants escaped by running to Llano Grande lake where they forced a Mexican to row them across, later making their way to the international boundary, where they entered Mexico. United States soldiers followed their trail to the point where they crossed the border.

W. S. GIFFORD



W. S. Gifford, chief statistician of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, is supervising director of the committee on industrial preparedness of the naval consulting board and has direct charge of the 200 state directors throughout the nation forming a great part of the main organization who will mobilize every industry, including mines and factories of every description. Tabulations will be made showing the total output of all the plants so that it will be known exactly where and how can be procured the 50,000 odd articles required in naval and land warfare.

RUSSIANS HAMMER THE TURKS

But Neither Side Reports Any Decided
Success—No Changes of Importance in West.

London, May 15.—Asiatic Turkey is the only war theater where infantry actions of any great importance are reported. On the line in France and Belgium and in the Austro-Italian theater there have been minor engagements. On the Russian front bombardments alone are in progress.

The Russians and the Turks are continuing their attacks and counter attacks in the region south of the Black sea littoral and also west of the Persian border, where the Russians are endeavoring to force their way to the Mesopotamia region with Bagdad and a junction with the British forces farther south their evident objectives.

To the northwest of Erzerum in the Kope mountain region, Constantinople reports the repulse with heavy losses of Russian attacks to regain lost positions. Petrograd admits that in this general region, around Erzincan and Aschakala, the Turks forced their advance guards to retire at some points, but says the Ottoman forces desisted in their attacks after having suffered extremely heavy casualties.

Farther south, to the east of Mosul, the Russians are throwing a fresh force into the attack directed against the Bagdad region. Here they have occupied the Roandiz district, which lies some 120 miles north of Kasr-i-Shirin, where they were last reported to be operating. This would place the Russian troops at points about 220 miles north and 120 miles northeast of Bagdad.

London, May 13.—Switching their attack from the Verdun region against the French, the Germans have again begun a sharp offensive against the British line around Hulluch.

Preceding their movements with the usual heavy bombardments, the Germans launched an infantry attack against the British lines in the region of Vermelles and were successful in capturing first line trenches over a front of about five hundred yards. The British admit the loss of the position, but say that part of it was retaken in a counter attack.

Berlin declares that in their defense of the trenches, and especially later in the counter attacks, the British suffered heavy casualties.

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

—The warning of the American minister, W. W. Russell, that the city of Santo Domingo would be taken by force unless it was given up by the rebels not later than Sunday morning, has resulted in the evacuation of the city.

—A call for a meeting of the Republican national committee June 1, in Chicago, to consider contested seats in the national convention and other pre-convention business, has been issued at Washington by the Secretary, James B. Reynolds.

TEXAS CITIZENS APPEAL FOR AID

Residents of Alpine Alarmed by
Reported Threats of Mexican Raids.

ASK GOVERNOR FOR TROOPS

Sheriff and Other Officials Wire
Capital for Guards—Public
Schools Closed.

Alpine, Tex., May 16.—Alarmed by reports of threatened Mexican raids, Sheriff Walter of this county wired Governor Ferguson today asking that troops be sent to Terlingua, sixty-five miles south of Alpine and twenty miles from the border. La Jitas, fifteen miles west of Terlingua, also has sent an urgent appeal for aid.

Conditions are such that County Judge Turney has suspended all public schools in that section and the last school teacher, a woman, arrived here today.

Washington, May 16.—Both the state department and General Carranza are awaiting detailed reports of the recent El Paso military conference before seeking an agreement as to the Mexican border situation through diplomatic conversations.

General Scott, chief of staff of the army, returned here today, optimistic over the military situation and confident that the meetings between himself and General Funston on the one side and General Obregon, Carranza's war minister, on the other, had created a better understanding between the two governments which might furnish the basis for a formal protocol.

Eliseo Arredondo, the Mexican ambassador designate, asked for instructions as to his course last week, but General Obregon probably will not reach Mexico City for several days and the reply from General Carranza is not expected at the embassy until the war minister's report has been received.

General Scott probably will confer at length with Secretary Baker tomorrow and later with Secretary Lansing. No time had been set tonight, however, for these interviews.

Eliseo Arredondo, Mexican ambassador designate, issued a statement tonight declaring that the recent return of Peres Romero to his post as Mexican ambassador at Tokio and the appointment of Rafael Zubaran as diplomatic agent to Germany and her allies, as well as to Denmark, had no significance and did not foreshadow any effort to negotiate alliances with any of these powers.

TEXAS MOB BURNS A NEGRO

Waco Boy Taken from Courthouse
After Conviction for Murder and
Put to Death.

Waco, Tex., May 16.—With fifteen thousand persons as witnesses, including women and children, Jesse Washington, a negro boy, who confessed to attacking and murdering Mrs. Lucy Fryar, seven miles south of here last Monday afternoon, was taken from the courtroom shortly before noon and burned on the public square.

The burning came immediately after the negro's trial had ended, and after the jury had returned a verdict of guilty, giving him the death penalty.

Someone not far from the negro started the cry of "Get the negro."

It was taken up by all of those from that part of the county where Mrs. Fryar was killed, and Washington was seized and removed from the courtroom. The crowd at first seemed to favor hanging the negro from the suspension bridge, but a suggestion that he be burned on the plaza met with instant response, and he was dragged to the city hall yard, where the chain already around his neck was thrown over the limb of a tree, wood hastily secured and the fire started.

When the flames had subsided somewhat men in the crowd cut off the negro's fingers and other parts of his body.

12 DEAD IN OHIO ACCIDENT

Dynamite Blast Next Door Causes
Building Occupied by Restaurant
to Collapse at Akron.

Akron, O., May 16.—At least ten persons were killed and nearly a score injured at 6:10 o'clock this evening when the old Beacon-Journal building, occupied by the Crystal restaurant, collapsed as a result of a blast of dynamite in an adjoining excavation.

Ten bodies have been recovered and two persons, now missing, are thought to be in the ruins.

THE ARMY BILL ABOUT READY

House and Senate Conferees Have
Practically Agreed Upon Provisions of the Military Measure.

Washington, May 13.—Agreement of the Senate and House conferees on the Army Reorganization Bill is expected to be reached today, and the committee last night ordered a tentative print of its report with a few sections still left in dispute omitted. A deadlock was in prospect after a stormy morning session, but this afternoon the conference was calm and results came quickly.

As far as could be learned, the regular army to be provided by the conference bill would aggregate 175,000 fighting men in time of peace, organized in accordance with the elastic system provided in the Senate bill, so that it might be expanded to 218,000 men in an emergency. The national guard would aggregate 400,000 men required to take an oath of allegiance to the national government and to be given representation on the general staff of the army. The House amendment to the government nitrate plant section of the Senate bill has been accepted.

While there are minor details to be worked out tomorrow, the tentative agreements tonight prompted several of the conferees to predict that complete agreement and announcement of the result could be made tomorrow. The Senate federal volunteer army plan has been abandoned, but there is a tentative agreement to amend the section authorizing military instruction camps for volunteer citizens, so as to provide that citizens shall be paid at the rate of pay for enlisted men while actually in training.

GERMANY MUST ASK PEACE

President Poincare of France Says
His Country Doesn't Want the
Terms Offered.

NANCY, May 15.—President Poincare, in an address here today, responded to Germany's declaration regarding peace contained in the German reply to the American note.

"France does not want Germany to offer peace," said the president, "but wants her to ask for peace."

The president then made known clearly the only condition of peace which would be acceptable to France. The address was delivered at the Molitor garrison before a large number of the Lorraine refugees, to whom the president, after expressing his sympathies and renewing promises of solidarity and protection, said:

"France will not expose her sons to the dangers of new aggression; the central empires, haunted by remorse for having brought on the war, and terrified by the indignation and hatred they have stirred up in mankind, are trying today to make the world believe that the entente allies alone are responsible for the prolongation of hostilities."

"Neither directly nor indirectly have our enemies offered up peace. But we do not want them to offer it to us; we want them to ask it of us. We do not want to submit to their conditions; we want to impose ours on them. We do not want peace which would leave Imperial Germany with the power to recommence the war and keep Europe eternally menaced."

EARTHQUAKE SHAKES IDAHO

Boise Experiences Most Violent Shock
in History of City—Many
Buildings Damaged.

Boise, Ida., May 13.—Boise experienced early tonight the most violent earth shock in the history of the city. The tremor, which occurred at 7:26 o'clock, lasted about three seconds and was more in the nature of an upheaval than a wave. In the downtown district persons rushed from the buildings to the street. Tonight's shock was the second in a fortnight, the first having been recorded on April 30.

At Weiser, sixty miles west, the quake was felt with exceptional violence. A new gas well, in which a flow was struck ten days ago, showed remarkable increase of pressure immediately after the quake. The flow caught fire tonight and hundreds of persons watched the shooting flames.

In Boise several brick chimneys were wrecked. The tremor was not felt to the east of Boise. Twenty-five miles north, at Emmett, the quake was violent and alarmed the inhabitants. Nanpa, to the south, also felt the shock, as did Idaho City, thirty-six miles north. Windows rattled at Payette.

Angry Pupil Fired School?

Stonewall, Ok., May 11.—Fire, believed to have been started by a disgruntled pupil, partly destroyed Collins Institute, a Chickasaw Indian school for boys, near here, late yesterday. The auditorium, dormitory and teachers' quarters were burned.

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